

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 8]
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005 - 5:30 PM**

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Without God's loving presence, we are like a parched and waterless land. In the waters of baptism, Christ becomes our life-giving spring, quenching our thirst and pouring God's love into our hearts. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. Our baptism leads us to hear Jesus' words as words concerning our baptismal mission to serve the little ones of this world—with a gesture as simple as offering a cup of cold water.

Saturday, June 25, 2005

5:30 p.m. Worship

Welcoming Christ

Worship, and any other time that Christians gather, is a great time to practice our welcoming skills. We can welcome newcomers, “old timers,” children, and those recovering from illness. We hope we also will be welcomed by others.

Of course, God does not want us to keep all the welcoming inside the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. Our loving actions toward others are signs of God's welcome in daily life. We pray, too, that we will be welcomed by those with whom we share the good news of God's love. Jesus tells us that those who welcome us welcome him. That is, for the people we meet, we are the representatives of Jesus. What a privilege to bring Jesus into the lives of those who don't know him.

To know Jesus, it is not necessary to have lived two thousand years ago and to have personally witnessed Jesus' teaching and healing. The community of faith, gathered around word and sacrament, are Christ's representatives in this time and place. So we need to be mindful of what our words and deeds tell others about the God we worship. The smallest gesture of welcome, even a cup of cold water for those who thirst, can plant the seed that leads another person to Christ.

Keep in mind that God doesn't reach out solely through good church people, the powerful, eloquent, or well-educated. Just as Jesus came to earth in the lowliest of circumstances, the least likely individuals can bring the gift of God's love to those who seemingly have every earthly advantage.

So how are we to respond to this dual charge to welcome and be welcomed? We must seize opportunities to share God's love with others. We must also be ready to welcome the presence of Christ when he greets us in the face of another.

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** Stand if you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us seek the face of God, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Holy God,

we have sinned against you and each other. We pray for your forgiveness and healing. The good we want to do, we often fail to do. The evil we do not want, we find ourselves doing. Deliver us, O God, save us from shame, and guide us in your way. Amen.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and God raised him up from death so that we too might walk in newness of life. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through + Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

GATHERING

** HYMN 715 WOV (blue hymnal)

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession


Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



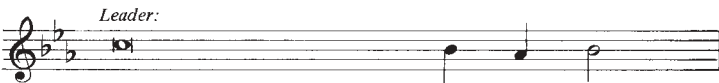
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

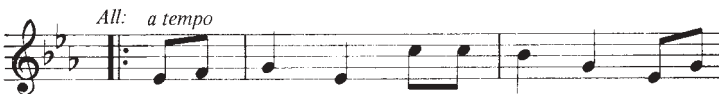
All:



and shine within your peo-ple here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving

Leader:

All:



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:



Let us sing our thanks to _____ God,

All:



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

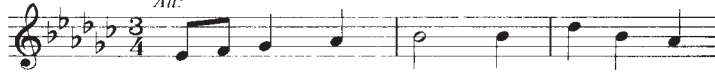
Faithful God, your love stands from generation to generation, your mercy is abundant. Give us open and understanding hearts, that have heard your Word. We seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

All:



Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



fore you, the lift-ing up of my



hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

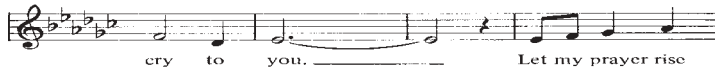
Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



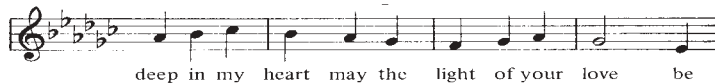
up like in cense be - fore you, the



lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



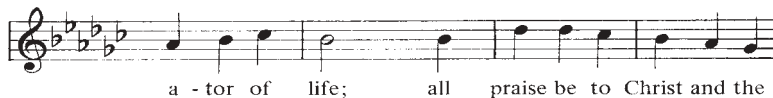
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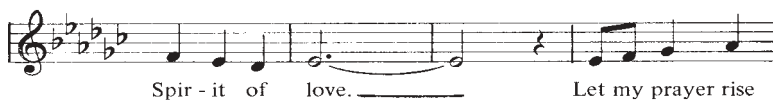
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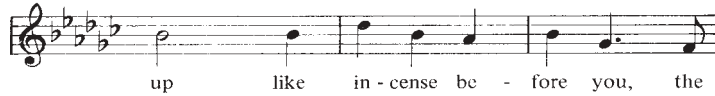
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

The prophets Hananiah and Jeremiah were at odds not simply because of their differing views of upcoming events. Hananiah announces peace and restoration within two years; Jeremiah sees the path to peace as one that requires repentance—recognition of one's sins and reliance on God's forgiveness. Jeremiah knows that when Hananiah's comforting prediction does not come true, all will know that Hananiah has not been sent by God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans.

Paul has told the Roman Christians that in baptism they were not only made right with God through grace, but were also made free from the slavery of sin. Thus, he now claims that those who are accepted by God as sinners may also be used by God for righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**** GOSPEL VERSE** (spoken)

Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia. (Eph. 1:17)

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

A Welcoming Message

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 487 LBW (green hymnal)**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

**** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (spoken)**

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Gathered, enlightened, and empowered to serve, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all people seeking God's mercy and care.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, holy God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**** PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)**

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your green hymnal.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

DIALOG AND THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Communicant may say **Amen.**

BLESSING (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

** BLESSING (sung)

The image shows four lines of musical notation in 4/4 time, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

Presider: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



** HYMN 175 LBW (green hymnal)

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

POSTLUDE

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

HOSPITALIZED

Carol Brayton, at Sycamore Hospital

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Hazel Reel	Charles
Ruth Lackey	Bob Kemper
Morgan	Uncle Ted
Darren	Ersula
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Lynn Stutrud
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Lowell Overvold, a former member, who has throat cancer
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	The family of Tom Barnes, Shelia Stutrud's cousin, on his death
Roberta	John
Dottie	Leonard
Danielle Kosanovich, who begins a mission trip to Sri Lanka	Herman Bergstedt, home from the hospital
Sue Shaeffer	Brian Wick, son of Mary Hutcheson (a former member) recently diagnosed with bone cancer
Kim Lange, Candice Benton, and Nikki Murdock, as they travel overseas	Thanksgiving for a successful VBS week
The family of Lois Lane, on her death	Barbara Swingen recovering from cancer surgery at the Mayo Clinic
Marie & Sue	Bridget & Matt Quattrucci on the loss of their unborn twin, Amity, continue to pray for her identical twin, Maggie, and the rest of the family, as she fights to survive
Angie Green	Rob, Amy, Nicole, & Nathan Blackburn, as they relocate to Knoxville
The family of Tim Bieller, brother of Scott Bieller, on his death	
Betty Louise	
CaLynn	
Fransis Underwood	
Carol Haroldson	

**June 26, 2005 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 8]
Prayers Received June 19, 2005 – Fifth After Pentecost [Proper 7]**

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com